

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to substantive examination of the present application.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being added.

Claims 1 and 11 are currently being canceled.

Claims 2 and 3 are currently being amended.

This amendment cancels and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 are now pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter made in the Office Action with respect to claims 2, 3, 12 and 13. By way of this amendment and reply, "objected to" claims 2 and 3 have each been placed in independent form to include the features of their base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 are now all believed to be in allowable form.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,611,598 to Hayosh in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0002674 to Grimes et al. Due to the cancellation of claims 1 and 11, this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion:

Since all of the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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